

May 26, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a state Representative in Kansas, I have worked to help create a pro-business environment in our state, one that encourages economic investment and business development.

My district is largely rural, and one of the main hurdles my constituents face is access to high-speed wireless broadband service, service that would help bring information, investment, and innovation to our community. The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile would expand high-speed wireless broadband to rural areas like the one I represent, and I strongly urge you to approve the deal.

While our efforts at the state level have helped to promote business investment, it is crucial – particularly for rural communities – to ensure that those looking to invest in our state have in place the communications infrastructure necessary to conduct business and to grow their business. This will create jobs and spur additional investment in Kansas. In fact, according to a recent study from the Rural Cellular Association, expanding broadband to previously underserved areas could create or save 116,862 jobs between 2011 and 2014.

Beyond job creation, expanding high-speed mobile broadband to rural communities will help with the delivery of real-time health care services and will provide our schools with access to information they might not otherwise be able to obtain.

Because of its potential to be transformational for rural Kansas and rural America, I ask that you support the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Kerschen".

Dan Kerschen
State Representative